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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

- - Alternatively, the test for the IBDV contamination can be accomplished using PCR as described for Chicken Anemia Virus. Information on the IBDV viral genome for designing suitable primers can be found on databases well known to those in the biomedical arts such as the databases available through the website of the U.S. National Institutes of Health ~~website at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>~~, ~~all herein incorporated by reference~~. If the PCR amplification does not result in a band corresponding to the band found in the positive control, the preparation is considered substantially free of Infectious Bursal Disease Virus. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-54 (cancelled)

55. (currently amended) A preparation for the prevention and treatment of coccidiosis in members of the class Aves comprising:

live sporocysts of at least one species of coccidial protozoa; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient;

wherein the preparation ~~is sterile~~ is sanitized, and is filtered by tangential flow filtration.

56. (previously added) The preparation of claim 55 wherein the coccidial protozoa is of the order *Eucoccidiida*.

57. (previously added) The preparation of claim 55, wherein the coccidial protozoa is a member of the genus *Eimeria*.

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58. (previously added) The preparation of claim 55, wherein said at least one species of coccidial protozoa comprises the species *Eimeria tenella*, *Eimeria maxima*, and *Eimeria acervulina*.

59. (previously added) The preparation of claim 55, wherein the number of sporocysts per dose of each species of protozoa in the preparation is at least about 50.

60. (currently amended) The preparation of claim 55 wherein the number of sporocysts per dose ~~to~~ of each species of protozoa in the preparation is at least about 1,000.

61. (previously added) The preparation of claim 55, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient further comprises at least one preservative.

62. (previously added) The preparation of claim 61, further comprising at least one immune system stimulant.

63. (previously added) The preparation of claim 61, further comprising at least one additional vaccine preparation for the prevention of a disease of birds.

64. (previously added) The preparation of claim 61, further comprising at least one growth stimulant.

65. (previously added) The preparation of claim 61, further comprising at least one immune system stimulant, at least one additional vaccine preparation for the prevention of a disease of birds, and at least one growth stimulant.

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66. (currently amended) A preparation for the prevention and treatment of coccidiosis in members of the class *Aves* comprising:

live sporocysts of at least one species of coccidial protozoa wherein said at least one species of coccidial protozoa comprises *Eimeria tenella*, *Eimeria maxima*, and *Eimeria acervulina*; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient;
wherein the preparation ~~is sterile~~ is sanitized.

67. (previously added) The preparation of claim 66 wherein said preparation is filtered.

68. (previously added) The preparation of claim 67 wherein said filtration comprises tangential flow filtration.

69. (previously added) The preparation of claim 66 wherein the number of sporocysts per dose of each species of protozoa in the preparation is at least about 50.

70. (previously added) The preparation of claim 66 wherein the number of sporocysts per dose of each species of protozoa in the preparation is at least about 1,000.

71. (previously added) The preparation of claim 66, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient further comprises at least one preservative.

72. (previously added) The preparation of claim 71, further comprising at least one immune system stimulant.

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73. (previously added) The preparation of claim 71, further comprising at least one additional vaccine preparation for the prevention of a disease of birds.

74. (previously added) The preparation of claim 71, further comprising at least one growth stimulant.

75. (previously added) The preparation of claim 71, further comprising at least one immune system stimulant, at least one additional vaccine preparation for the prevention of a disease of birds, and at least one growth stimulant.